

COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES
(Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council)

Chairman: Mr. Timothy J. Callanan, Council Member District No. 2

A **meeting** of the **Committee on Community Services**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, was held on **Monday, July 23, 2012**, in the Assembly Room of the Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina, at 6:09 p.m.

PRESENT: Chairman Timothy J. Callanan, Council District No. 2; Committee Member Robert O. Call, Jr., Council District No. 3; Committee Member Cathy S. Davis, Council District No. 4; Committee Member Dennis L. Fish, Council District No. 5; and Committee Member Caldwell Pinckney, Jr., Council District No. 7; ex-officios: Mr. Daniel W. Davis, County Supervisor, Mr. Phillip Farley, Council District No. 1, and Mr. Jack H. Schurlnknight, Council District No. 6; Ms. Nicole Scott Ewing, County Attorney; and Ms. Catherine Windham, Interim Clerk to Council. Mr. Steve C. Davis, Council District No. 8, was excused from this meeting. Chairman Timothy J. Callanan arrived at 6:16 p.m.

Acting Chairman Fish: I'd like to call the Committee on Community Services to order."

Mr. Chip Boling gave the Invocation, and Committee Member Cathy Davis led in the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America.

Acting Chairman Fish: "Madame Clerk, has this meeting been properly noticed via the Freedom of Information Act?"

Ms. Windham: "Yes, Sir, it has."

Acting Chairman Fish: "Thank you."

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved by Committee Member Cathy Davis and seconded by Committee Member Pinckney to **approve** the minutes as presented. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Ms. Donna Osborne, Berkeley County Library Director, Re: Unbudgeted Capital – Bookmobile Project Donated Funds

Ms. Osborne: "Good evening, Members of Council. I'd like to give you just a little bit of background about this project. We started fundraising for this project in 2008, and seed money came to us, or to our Friends Group, from the Daniel Island Rotary Club. They provided

\$10,000.00, which the Friends set aside in a special fund. And, in 2011, they added another \$15,000.00 of their own money to this account. Also in 2011, the Friends of the Library was awarded a federal grant, in the amount of \$50,000.00 for this project. Those funds have to be used by the end of August, and I brought that to you last year, which you approved. In 2011, we also had several other events that provided additional funds. We partnered with Berkeley County School District, and the School District has committed \$22,000.00 for the purpose of literacy related materials, books, DVD's, audios, for children, teens and adults. Will Helmly, President and CEO of Home Telecom, who is with us this evening, not only pledged \$15,000.00 from his company, he became the primary champion for the bookmobile project. He contacted directors and leaders of other area businesses and companies. Thanks to his efforts, Santee Cooper and the Daniel Island Company contributed \$10,000.00 each, and Berkeley Electric Co-op, \$2,000.00. In December of 2011, Berkeley County sponsored a Friends Group during the Santee Cooper Festival of Lights. By volunteering to help during one of the evenings, the Friends received the proceeds from that night's fees, and that was \$3,100.00. In March 2012, the Friends were also awarded a \$3,500.00 grant from the Coastal Community Foundation. So, we have been quite busy the last few years raising funds and collaborating with businesses and groups to bring this project to fruition. What I'm asking for you to do this evening is take a look at the last sheet in the packet that I passed out to you. This provides you with a synopsis, a summary, of the funds raised so far, the funds encumbered, and the funds still needed. So, there's a summary sheet there for you. What we are asking for you to do this evening is approve the use of these funds for the bookmobile project. You've already approved the \$50,000.00. What we're asking you to do is accept this as unbudgeted capital and allow us to use the funds for this project."

Acting Chairman Fish: "You indicated on there, Ms. Osborne, the estimated cost, the remaining cost of up-fitting is \$78,000.00."

Ms. Osborne: "That's correct."

Acting Chairman Fish: "Is there a chance that could be \$4,000.00 less or more?"

Ms. Osborne: "There is, Mr. Fish. Like I said, that's an estimate, and we are in the process right now of preparing the specs for a bid to go out in September for this up-fitting."

Acting Chairman Fish: "Ok."

Committee Member Pinckney: "Move for approval."

Committee Member Cathy Davis: "Second."

Chairman Callanan entered the Assembly Room at 6:16 p.m.

Acting Chairman Fish: "Ok, I'll hand the chairmanship back over to Mr. Callanan, and I'll second the motion."

It was moved by Committee Member Pinckney and seconded by Committee Member Cathy Davis to **approve** the Library's use of unbudgeted capital funds donated for the bookmobile project. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee."

Ms. Osborne: "If I could, before I leave, just take a couple of minutes and recognize some of the people in the audience. We have Library Staff here and Friends Members and also, I would like for everyone to recognize Will Helmly, who is the President and CEO of Home Telecom, who really made this possible, the project. So, if you all would stand, I'd appreciate it."

[Audience applause]

Ms. Osborne: "Thank you, Council."

Chairman Callanan: "Thank you."

It was moved by Committee Member Fish and seconded by Committee Member Cathy Davis to **adjourn** the meeting of the Committee on Community Services. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote of the Committee.

Meeting adjourned at 6:17 p.m.

10 September 2012

Date Approved

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Mr. Jack Schurlock, District No. 6, ex officio
Mr. Steve C. Davis, District No. 8, ex officio
Mr. Daniel W. Davis, Supervisor, ex officio

A **special meeting** of the **COMMITTEE ON COMMUNITY SERVICES**, Standing Committee of Berkeley County Council, will be held on **Monday, July 23, 2012**, at **6:00 p.m.**, following other scheduled meetings in the Assembly Room, Berkeley County Administration Building, 1003 Highway 52, Moncks Corner, South Carolina.

AGENDA

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act, the electronic and print media were duly notified.

INVOCATION

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE TO THE FLAG OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

June 25, 2012

- A. Ms. Donna Osborne, Berkeley County Library Director, Re: Unbudgeted Capital: Bookmobile Project Donated Funds.**

July 18, 2012
S/Catherine R Windham
Interim Clerk of County Council